

## ***Mayor and City Council Update September 25, 2020***

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Administration  
**CC:** Department Heads

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### ***Library***

**ASO Flute & Harp Recital** – The library has partnered with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra again this year to host a flute and harp recital by Christina Smith and Elisabeth Remy Johnson. The event is Sunday, September 27, at 3 p.m. The concert will be virtual this year, and the link for the webinar registration is here:

<https://www.smyrnaga.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/19299/646>.

### ***City Clerk***

Advance Voting Information for the General/ Special Election of November 3, 2020. Please see the attached information on Advance Voting Options. The Smyrna Community Center will be an Advance Voting location October 12<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> (Mon – Fri 7:00 am until 7:00 pm) as well as Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm).

Also provided is Absentee Ballot submission information and all Cobb County Elections information can be found at [www.cobbcounty.org/elections](http://www.cobbcounty.org/elections).

### ***Upcoming Meetings***

- **Thursday, October 1st at 4:00 pm** – **Committee of the Whole Meeting** will be held at the Smyrna Community Center Magnolia Room. Masks required / Temperature will be checked.
- **Monday, October 5th at 6:30 pm** – **Pre-Council and Council Meeting** will be held at the Smyrna Community Center Large Gym/200 Village Green Circle SE. Parking and entrance to meeting on Powder Springs Street Side of Building; Masks required / Temperature will be checked.
- **Monday, October 5th at 7:00 pm** – **Mayor and Council Meeting** will be held at the Smyrna Community Center Magnolia Room. Masks required / Temperature will be checked.

### ***Environmental Services (KSB)***

#### **Environmental Services**

##### **Hefty Energy Bag:**

This program will launch to the public on October 2. A re-cap update is being presented to Mayor and Council at the COW meeting on October 1. Starter kits can be picked up at either the Smyrna Recycling Center or at City Hall in Utility Billing. Here is a brief description of how the program works:

- Residents with curbside recycling collection are eligible to participate.
- There is no cost to the resident to register and no cost to the starter kit.
- Residents collect plastics that are not currently considered recyclable and place them in the Hefty® EnergyBag® orange bags. When full, close the Hefty® EnergyBag® orange bag by tying it securely, then just place it inside the existing recycling bin.

- The Hefty® EnergyBag® orange bag will be picked up by the City of Smyrna on regular collection days and will be sent to an approved end market to be turned into a valuable energy resource.
- Once the initial starter kit bags are gone, residents can purchase bags at Kroger stores.
- Residents need to make sure Hefty® EnergyBag® is completely filled before tying it off and placing it in the curbside bin.
- Can residents who live in apartments, condos and townhomes participate? Only residents with curbside service can participate at this time.



#### **Energy Performance Contract:**

Staff continues to work with Schneider Electric.

#### **Recycling Center**

##### **Week of September 21:**

Adding Wednesdays to the days the center is open and changing the Thursday hours to Noon to 6:00pm. Adding back laptops and CPU's.

##### **Week of October 5:**

Return to regular hours of operation for Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 8:00am to 4:00pm and Thursdays 10:00am to 6:00pm. Adding back Fluorescent tubes, rechargeable batteries, ink jet cartridges, cell phones.

##### **November 14:**

Adding back all electronics, motor oil, anti-freeze, vehicle batteries.

#### **Keep Smyrna Beautiful**

##### **Work Glove Luncheon:**

The Annual Work Glove Luncheon took place on Wednesday, September 23. It looked different this year but all seemed to have a great time. Each employee within the Public Works, Parks, Water Utility, Community Development Code Enforcement, Recycling Center departments were given a bag with a gift card from Zaxby's for lunch, a mask, some candy, and an additional gift card courtesy of KSB. Many thanks to Mayor Norton, Councilmembers Wilkinson and Lindley as well as Interim City Administrator Joe Bennet and Interim Ass't City Administrator Penny Mocerri for attending.



### **Jonquil bulbs:**

The Jonquil bulbs have arrived! Each year, KSB sells bags of Jonquil bulbs. The bags hold 50 bulbs each and sell for \$20.00. Since Smyrna is the Jonquil City, the hope is everyone will purchase and plant the bulbs and in the Spring, the City will be covered in Jonquils. Last year we sold out quickly so don't delay. Bags can be purchased at the Smyrna Recycling Center.

### ***Museum***

Thanks to help from the Buildings Department, the Smyrna Museum has weathered the recent rains and CSX rail work with flying colors.





### **Museum Contact Info:**

The Smyrna Museum is open for visitation on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Visitors are asked to sign up for a time slot in advance to help with COVID safe distancing measures. The tours are free, begin on the hour, and can accommodate no more than 10 people at a time. Go to the museum website to sign up for tours and to read our COVID policies: [www.SmyrnaHistoryMuseum.com](http://www.SmyrnaHistoryMuseum.com)

Museum Manager, Jennie Eldredge, works Tuesdays through Saturdays and any inquiries can be directed to the Museum main line at (678) 631 – 5423. Now that the museum has reopened to the public, Jennie is not working remotely. However, when the museum is closed on Wednesdays and Fridays, she may periodically be out of the museum on other business. The best option is to direct callers to the main museum line to leave a message.

### ***Parks & Recreation***

This week we reported that our division completed the process of overseeding the Veterans Memorial Lawn with perennial rye-grass seed and it has already begun to germinate and is literally jumping out of the ground! We typically need to wait around 2 weeks for the initial mowing, but we are ahead of schedule so in the absence of rain, our plan is to start stripping it up with our reel mowers before the weekend. Once the warm season turf grasses go dormant, this will provide a great pop of color in the downtown area.

Our painting project consisting of buildings at Brinkley, Rose Garden, Tolleson and RiverLine Parks is ahead of schedule and are more than halfway through our list of buildings. Below is a snapshot of the restrooms that were painted inside and out at Brinkley Park.



The overlook observation deck, located at the Community Center pond, will be completed today once a few minor additions are made to the railing system. Once the pressure treated lumber has a chance to cure over the next couple weeks, we will follow behind with a double coat of stain, which will not only make it more esthetically pleasing, but help protect it for years to come. This is a popular downtown “hang out” spot and we are confident that it will be well received by those that visit the pond area.



This week, we have been out pressure washing various pavilions, adjusting parking lot signs, and swapping out old doggie waste baskets with new ones. We also are completing tree trimming work at Tolleson and Ward Parks.

With Christmas right around the corner staff have been taking inventory of our holiday decorations so that we can order replacement lights as needed, before we start decorating during the last week of October with the arrival of our 65' aerial boom lift.

The Taylor-Brawner House is undergoing repair work this week. When the remnants of Hurricane Sally blew into town last week, it blew quite a bit of rain into the Taylor-Brawner House via the dormer windows. The windows are being repaired/sealed and the interior water damage repaired. Luckily, the issue was detected quickly by Carl Deloach, Brawner Hall Maintenance Tech., so the interior damage was primarily contained to the foyer ceiling. The crews will also be repairing the front porch ceiling where one of the swings was becoming detached due to heavy use.

The Wolfe Center and Therapy Pool is currently open Monday – Thursday from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm. Members are calling in to reserve slots for water walking, lap swimming, fitness center and exercise classes. Since reopening on July 6, we have had a total of 3,733 visits, with a daily average of 81 members. Staff is doing an excellent job keeping the entire facility clean.

The Wolfe Center and Therapy Pool started taking new members on July 24. Since that date we have added 29 members.

We will be showing another drive-in movie this Friday – registration is full!

This month we are doing weekly scavenger hunts. Estephania, Recreation Coordinator, hides a golden egg in one of our parks, we post a few clues at 10 AM on our RECREATE Smyrna FB page. The winner gets a prize bag that includes RECREATE Smyrna swag. The response for this event has been great. The families have enjoyed hunting.

We continue to have participants in our outdoor exercise classes. The current schedule is:

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| a. 20-Twenty-20                      | Monday-Wednesday-Friday |
| b. Core de Force & Cardio Kickboxing | Monday                  |
| c. Zumba                             | Tuesday and Saturday    |
| d. Vinyasa Flow Yoga                 | Wednesday               |

Smyrna Dancers hosted a free introduction to dance classes outside on the green space beside the community center on September 12. They had 30+ dancers attend the two sessions. They will be doing another one in October.

This year our annual fall event will be a “Drive Thru Trick or Treat”. This event will be a contactless event with costume characters lining the sidewalk around the Village Green traffic circle. Participants will be encouraged to decorate their

cars and drive around the traffic circle, enjoying the characters and getting candy too! The event will be held on Friday, October 16 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

We will be hosting Crafty Hands craft classes next week at the Smyrna Community Center. These classes will be for age 5 – 13. The classes will be 3 hours long. Each day participants will go home with a completed craft project.

Coming Soon: 12 Events of Christmas 2020 style.....stay tuned.

## ***Public Works***

**Public Works Fleet Division:** Currently working on correcting fuel system issues due to failure with electrical wiring underground. Pumps are currently back online, but be aware only one side of pumps can be used due to concrete repairs scheduled for completion mid next week.

**Public Works Building and Grounds Division:** Currently fire station 4 driveway and parking lot repairs underway. Project currently 50% complete.



**Public Works Water/Sewer division:** is currently grading sewer infrastructure with our sewer sonar equipment that grades the condition of the pipe and capacities of flow, this type of technology sends acoustic sound wave from one device to another to determine condition or if flow is being impeded which in turn cuts down on cost of fuel, repairs and maintenance to our emergency sewer equipment such as our jet truck and video inspection equipment. Staff will grade a Council Ward and the areas that need attention will be addresses with jet truck and video inspection to determine what needs to be done to correct the issue. This project is still in progress now being extended to Ward 5. Ward 1 and 4 have been completed. This software integrates with current GIS to grade sewer system for its stability.

**Public Works Water/Sewer division:** will have several sewer lines throughout the city that will be CIPP, (CURED IN PLACE PIPING). Areas that have been completed for sewer are Plaza Dr. through Windsong Way, Roswell @ Spring St., Lee St from Concord Rd. to Collier Dr., Lake Dr. behind 3770, Inglewood Dr to Burbank Dr. Rolling View Dr. Public Works will review all recordings to determine next areas of repairs.

**Public Works Waters/sewer Division:** Started their yearly valve insertion for isolation valves on Hillside at Bank St., Bank St. at Stonecreek, and Bank St. and Parkwood Rd. Isolation valves allow the department to shut down the water in certain areas to do repairs without impacting as many residents in the area. Project 50% complete.

**Public Work Water/Sewer Division:** Started water main replacement project with Cory designs to replace the water lines in the Highland subdivision along with San Fernando Drive and Place future plan is to be replace older AC lines with ductile iron pipe to cut down on water main breaks in those areas. This is part of Capital Improvement Projects.

**Public Works Street Division:** is currently maintaining right of ways and asphalt repairs, also repairs to storm drains that will also be CIPP which consist of Banks St @ South Cobb, 2905 Lavista Place and 380 Mockingbird Lane. Drainage repairs are being done on Morris Circle to correct all drainage issues on the street project 98% complete, to fully complete landscaping will need to be done. Morris is scheduled to be paved to help correct sheet flow issues.

**Public Works annual paving** Mill and paving list has been put together by public works staff, cuts and additions have been made to complete the annual list. This annual project from start to finish takes about 6 months to complete with submitting for additional LMIG funds and necessary paperwork to GDOT for approval. Annual paving bid was put out July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and bid opening was August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Apparent low bidder Bartow Paving Company. Annual paving was approved through mayor and council. Public works will set up pre-con meeting to discuss starting points and scopes of work.

**Public Works CIP Project South Cobb Water line replacement:** Designs were put out to bid, opening for bid was held August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Low bidder is KM Davis Contracting. Project passed by mayor council to proceed. Project will begin late November early December.

**Public Works Whitfield Storm drain project:** Public Works and contractor have met in the field to make field changes to engineered drawings. Properties have been notified along with property lines being staked out for the project. Project is to be taken place at 1465,1468 Whitfield and adjacent properties. This will include ditches being reworked and lined with cobble stone, concrete storm pipes are being installed this week at outlet side of project, along with tree removal to form ditches. Project 94% complete with all storm installed on south side of project. Roadway will be open to through traffic only on both sides of closure. Map has been posted of the detour plan to the city website and Facebook page.

**Public Works Windy Hill Road Water Sewer Modifications:** Contractor RDJE has installed new sewer line in Windy Hill Road on South Side of the project moving towards South Cobb Drive completed. Installation of sewer line is in the process of being installed from Beaver Creek San Fernando. Water line installation 95% completed, the bore for Windy Hill to tie on to South Cobb is scheduled to take place on 9/28/2020 has been delayed due to weather and utility

conflicts. RDJE has started CCTV of sanitary sewer to start the CIPP (Cured in Place Pipe) part of the Windy Hill Blvd. project.

### **SPLOST**

**Windy Hill Boulevard:** Baldwin is still installing storm pipe. The next progress meeting will be held 9/29/2020. Baldwin has been cutting down sub grade for temporary and permanent road to be installed from San Fernando to Beaver Creek to divert traffic from main roadway during construction. Paving of the temporary and permanent road is expected to begin October 5<sup>th</sup>. The temporary road and parts of the permanent road are to be done and opened the first week in November to move traffic from existing roadway to temporary and permanent roadway so the culvert and bridge construction can continue. Baldwin's traffic light contractor is going to start next week installing conduit and wiring for the new temporary traffic lights

**Church street roadway improvement's:** Phase 1 complete with water main, water services and water meter installed. Street Department is completed with phase 2 which include ADA ramps, driveway aprons and pressure wash existing sidewalk to better match up newly installed sidewalk. Phase 3 will begin with milling, paving and stripping of the roadway, Bartow Paving will mill and pave roadway during the resurfacing project to cut down on mobilization cost. Phase 4 will be installations of speed tables

### ***Police Department***

<b>Total number of arrests:</b>	23
<b>Total number of citations issued:</b>	237
<b>Total number of citation warnings issued:</b>	147
<b>Total number of calls for service:</b>	1740

### ***Fire Department***

#### **Incidents**

**Fire - 0**

**Medical – 52**

**Other - 53**

**Total – 105**



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### *Community Development*

		Permits	
Type	#	Estimated Cost of Construction	Location
Building New/Residential	5	\$1,090,472	1-Concord Estates 1- Enclave at Old Concord 3-Logan's Walk
Building New/Commercial	1	\$ 8,500,000	1-4225 E-W Connector (Hearthside Smyrna)
Building Remodel/Residential	17	\$313,607	7- Interior 10- Re-roof
Building Remodel/Commercial	3	\$293,000	3-Remodel – 1295 W Spring St (Giving Tree Yoga), 2450 Atlanta Rd (Santa Marietta Animal Hospital), 3120 S Cobb Dr (1911 Biscuits & Burgers)
Electrical	1	-	-
Plumbing	5	-	-
HVAC	7	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>\$3,775,539</b>	

**WEEKLY INSPECTIONS**

Type	Number	# of Sites
All	186	101

**NEW BUSINESSES**

Name	Location	Home/Commercial	Description
BLISSFUL BY VROU	2200 WOODLANDS DR SE, #2013	H	INTERNET SALES
NAJAE, LLC	2571 PARK RD SE	H	CONSULTING
SARAH FAIN, OTR/L	1499 SPRINGLEAF CIR SE	H	THERAPIST
CREATIVE CRITIQUE	1005 MILL POND DR SE	H	COMPUTER SALES - SOFTWARE
POWERHOUSE DIGITAL SERVICES LLC	5041 CIVITANIA RD SE	H	DATA RECOVERY
KOP SMYRNA, LLC	2673 GRADY ST SE	H	FOOD TRUCK
TAYLOR DESIGN SHOP, LLC	3311 VINTAGE CIR SE	H	BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
BONAIR SALON	4000 S COBB DR SE	C	BEAUTY/BARBER SHOP